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As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR REPLACING AORTIC VALVE", the specification of which was filed on 12/14/2001, accorded Serial No. 10/022,951, and is identified by Attorney's Docket No. VIA-15.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

I hereby claim priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119(e), of United States

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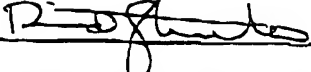
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